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blankets, and doubtful-looking clothing which the person is not wearing at the time. At present he is working at a disadvantage on account of having no suitable place convenient.

On the Mexican side of the border there is a very good steam disinfecter, with dressing and waiting rooms for passengers, and it is on railroad at the Mexican end of the International Bridge. I used it last year during the prevalence of yellow fever at Monterey, Mexico. Something of the kind is needed on the American side.

Owing to the prevalence of smallpox in a great many cities and counties of this State, we are frequently receiving new infection. I believe that now we do not get any from Mexico; at least everyone coming in is vaccinated or not allowed to enter. The city and county authorities are still prosecuting the vaccination of all those possible. I regret to state that there is no law requiring forcible vaccination, but still the city is pretty well vaccinated, viz, 3,400 vaccinated or revaccinated at city and county expense since commencement of smallpox. We are still having new cases from former exposures, and we will very likely continue to have them until March.

The estimated population of Laredo, Tex., is 14,000 or 15,000, of which about 11,000 or 12,000 are Mexicans or of Mexican parentage and have Mexican ideas. So, considering the disadvantage, I think the authorities have done about as well as could be expected, except that forcible vaccination should have been enforced on all. The weekly report is slightly better than the previous week, with the prospects of betterment each week.

I inclose report of work at foot and tramway bridge by United States Marine-Hospital Service quarantine inspector. I visit the bridge daily and always find some to vaccinate. I had to have one man arrested, as he would neither be vaccinated nor would he return to Mexico. He escaped the United State Marine-Hospital Service inspector, but the United States customs inspector caught him.

Respectfully, yours,

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Report of smallpox at Laredo, Tex., for week ended February 11, 1899.

February 5-11: New cases, 42; deaths, 16. I have had reports of smallpox at Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Reports vary, but there are from 13 to 40 cases there, among a population of about 2,500 or 3,000. I believe that about 40 is correct.

One man arrested on February 5, 1899, by a United States customs inspector for forcibly passing United States Marine-Hospital Service quarantine inspector. Inspector did not make full report on February 4.

VIRGINIA.

Alexandria.—Sanitary Inspector Snowden reports as follows: February 15, 4 cases, 2 suspects; February 16, 1 case, 3 suspects; February 17, 6 cases, 2 suspects; February 18, 1 case, 4 suspects; February 19, 13 cases, 1 suspect; February 20, 1 case, 2 suspects; February 21, 4 cases, 1 suspect; February 22, 5 cases.

Norfolk.—Passed Assistant Surgeon Smith reports as follows: February 13, new cases, 6, discharged, 0; February 14, new cases, 2, discharged, 10; February 15, new cases, 10, discharged, 8, died, 1; February 16, new cases, 2, discharged, 10; February 17, new cases, 12, discharged, 1; February 18, new cases, 4, deaths, 1, discharged, 7; February 19, new cases, 7, discharged, 16; February 20, new cases, 23, dis-

charged, 3, deaths, 1; February 22, 1 case of smallpox taken from steamship *Newport News*, disinfection and usual precautions taken by the port quarantine officer.

Portsmouth.—Dr. F. S. Hope, health officer of the city, reports for the two weeks ended February 18, 15 new cases.

Richmond.—Acting Assistant Surgeon L. W. Staton reports, February 18, 2 new cases since his last report.

Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 31, 1898, to February 24, 1899.

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Calvert	Dec. 10-Jan. 20.....	10		
Catherina	Jan. 6.....			Smallpox reported.
Clarke County.....	Dec. 25-Jan. 20.....		2	Several cases.
Clay County.....	Jan. 27.....			Smallpox reported.
Collerine	Jan. 6.....	1		
Dallas County.....	Jan. 27.....			Do.
Green County	do.....			Do.
Hale County	do.....			Do.
Lowndes County.....	do.....			Do.
Marengo County	do.....			Do.
Mobile	Jan. 2-Jan. 27.....	7		
Randolph County	Jan. 27.....			Do.
Southside.....	Jan. 6.....	96		
Washington County.....	Jan. 27.....			Do.
Wilcox County.....	do.....			Do.
Arkansas:				
Pulaski County	Jan. 27.....	7	1	
California:				
San Diego	Feb. 19.....	1	1	
San Francisco	Jan. 31.....	2		
Colorado:				
Arapahoe County	Dec. 1-Feb. 8.....	23	1	
El Paso County.....	Jan. 31.....	2		
Fremont County.....	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.....	24		
Los Animas County.....	Jan. 31.....	12		
Pueblo County.....	Dec. 17-Jan. 31.....	60	4	
Connecticut:				
New Haven.....	Jan. 16.....	2		
District of Columbia:				
Washington	Jan. 21-Feb. 22.....	23		
Florida:				
Pensacola.....	Jan. 14.....	1		
Georgia:				
Jones County.....	Jan. 1-Jan. 16.....	300		
Illinois:				
Bethel	Jan. 7.....	2		
Media	do.....	1		
Indiana:				
Dana	Feb. 8.....	1		
Evansville.....	Feb. 7.....	1		
Indianapolis.....	Jan. 25-Feb. 11.....	9		
Sullivan County.....	Feb. 11.....	1		
Iowa:				
Lee County.....	Jan. 13.....	7	1	
Wayne County.....	do.....	1		
Kansas:				
Marion County.....	Jan. 17.....	11		
Peabody	Feb. 1-Feb. 16.....	56	7	
Kentucky:				
Louisville.....	Dec. 20-Feb. 8.....	74		
Louisiana:				
New Orleans	Jan. 30-Feb. 20.....	7		
Maryland:				
Baltimore	Feb. 8.....	1		
Cumberland.....	do.....	1		
Michigan:				
Detroit.....	Jan. 1-Feb. 4.....	14		
Minnesota:				
Minneapolis.....	Dec. 8.....	1		
Mississippi:				
Clay County.....	Jan. 27.....			Do.
Jones County.....	do.....			Do.
Lauderdale County	do.....			Do.
Noxubee County	do.....			Do.
Perry County.....	do.....	17		
Tisbomingo County.....	do.....			Do.